

Demonstration Threat

CIA Cancels Campus Session

The threat of a demonstration has forced the Central Intelligence Agency to cancel a recruiting session here, a spokesman for the Union for Radical Political Economics (URPE) said yesterday.

The recruiting session was originally scheduled for today in the economics department, but was officially cancelled last Tuesday when a sign appeared in the department saying the recruiter would not be meeting with students, the spokesman said.

He said the CIA had not recruited directly in the economics department for the past few years. Angered by this year's scheduled

recruitment in the department itself, "some graduate students felt they had to express their disagreement with the CIA," the spokesman said.

Leaflets were distributed by URPE calling for a demonstration today outside the office in which the recruiter was scheduled to meet with students. Because of the cancellation notice, the URPE demonstration was also cancelled.

According to the URPE spokesman, an unnamed source in the economics department revealed to the radical group that the CIA cancelled the recruiting session because of the planned demon-

stration.

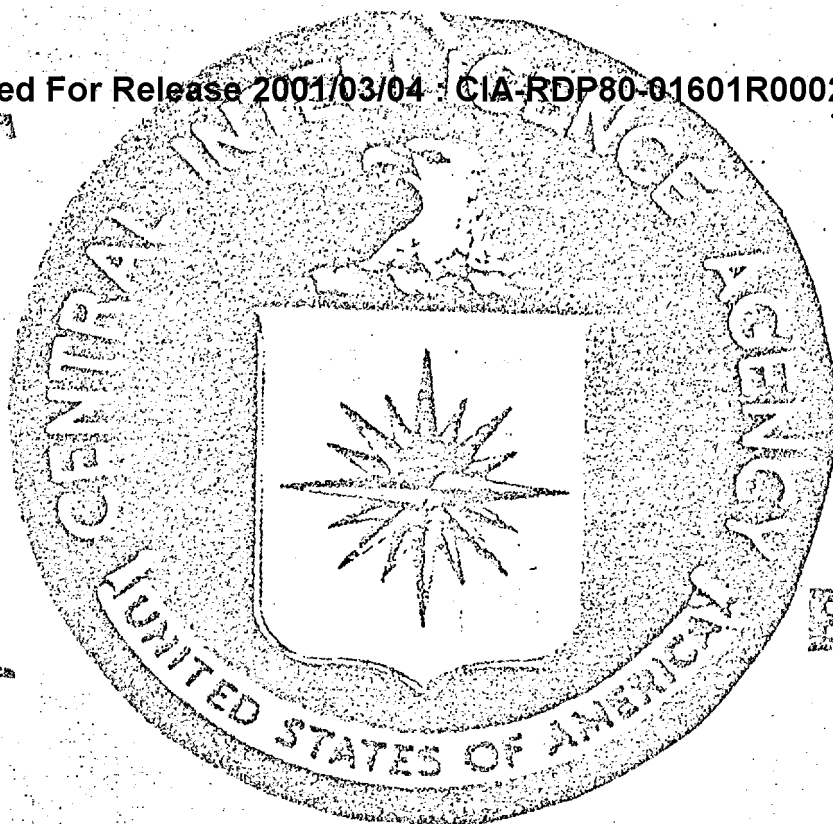
"Those of us in URPE wish to register our disgust at the economics department's complicity with an agency that engages in activities such as political assassination, hero in trafficking, and the overthrow of progressive governments around the world," he said.

G.F. Break, chairman of the economics department, called the student pressure "entirely unjustified."

Robert Decker, assistant to the chairman in the economics department, said the recruiter will meet with department administrators to discuss placement for economics students in the CIA.

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BARROWS

ON MONDAY NOVEMBER 27, THE ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT WILL OPEN ITS DOORS TO MR. LARRY KERN OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY. THE DEPARTMENT HAS KINDLY OFFERED HIM THE USE OF 252 BARROWS FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECRUITING BERKELEY-TRAINED ECONOMISTS FOR THE C.I.A. NO WONDER IF PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES WILL BE TREATED TO AN AWE-INSPIRING ACCOUNT OF CIA ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN SUCH FIELDS AS SABOTAGE, TORTURE, ASSASSINATION, AND COUNTER-REVOLUTION.

MR. KERN WOULD SURELY WISH TO COMMUNICATE A SENSE OF PRIDE IN HIS AGENCY'S PROGRAM OF SABOTAGE IN NORTH VIETNAM AND POLITICAL ASSASSINATION IN THE SOUTH (OPERATION PHOENIX). BUT AN ECONOMIST INTERESTED IN LATIN AMERICA MIGHT BE MORE IMPRESSED WITH THE STORY OF THE CIA'S ROLE IN THE OVERTHROW OF PROGRESSIVE GOVERNMENTS IN GUATEMALA (1954) AND THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC (1965), OR OF THE GENEROUS "TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE" IT HAS GIVEN TO SUCH MODEL DEMOCRACIES AS BRAZIL, BOLIVIA, AND ARGENTINA IN THE FORM OF TORTURE TECHNIQUES AND COUNTERINSURGENCY METHODS. OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO AN ECONOMIST MIGHT BE THE RECENT AIRDROP OF COUNTERFEIT MONEY INTO NORTH VIETNAM TO DISRUPT THAT COUNTRY'S ECONOMY, OR THE CIA'S INVOLVEMENT IN THE HEROIN TRAFFIC IN ORDER TO SUPPORT THE INCOMES OF ITS MILITARY ALLIES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA.

WILL HE TELL A POTENTIAL EMPLOYEE THAT THE CIA HAS COOPERATED IN SABOTAGE, TORTURE, DRUG ADDICTION, AND MURDER ON A SCALE THAT DWARFS EVEN THE IMAGINATION OF A CHARLES MANSON ? WE THINK NOT.

WE URGE YOU TO JOIN US IN GIVING MR. KERN AND THE CIA THE RECOGNITION

THEY DESERVE

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This story is a complete distortion. The facts are as follows:

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and an OER representative arranged an appointment with the head of the Economics Department at Berkeley to discuss the Agency's present and prospective needs for a few good economist candidates. No recruitment interview date was scheduled.

Some zealous member of the department, unidentified, learned of their impending visit and took it upon himself to see if anyone might be interested in talking with them while they were there; without [redacted]'s knowledge he posted a notice on the bulletin board announcing their visit and inviting students to sign up for interviews.

This notice apparently provoked the reaction described. The allegation that our representative either scheduled or cancelled an on-campus recruiting session is incorrect.

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